

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

**Visitors:** Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after our worship.

**Turning the Gem:** Monday at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. The Bible contains many interesting birds, and we can learn life lessons from these winged creatures. We will learn truths about humanity, faith, and God's mysterious grace. Pastor Diane is your teacher.

**Forming Your Faith:** Today: Scripture and Music. We will meet 15 minutes after worship in Classroom 5. Taking the story of Samson and Delilah, Linda Freeman helps us view this familiar story through a new perspective...as an adult!

**My Journey Through the Reformation:** Wednesday, January 31st at 10:00 a.m., in the Spiritual Life Center. Martha Ashton shares her experiences from a study tour through Geneva, Switzerland, and France to learn about the Protestant Reformation. She will share photographs, stories and personal discoveries.

**Rev. Mark Medina** is holding office hours on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Coyote Grill at San Ignacio Golf Club. Feel free to drop in for coffee or iced tea.

**Tickets for the Sanctuary Choir:** (February 26th, 7:00 p.m. and February 27th, 2:00 p.m.) are available in Fellowship Hall after the service. Tickets for Joel Pierce (March 23rd, 6:00 p.m.) are also available.

**The Inquisitors Explore "Living the Questions:"** Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1. For more information, contact Grant Stitt at 396-3549.

**Presbyterian Campus Ministry Fundraiser:** at the Gaslight Theatre on Sunday, February 18th at 6 p.m. See the Old West come alive in the "Lone Stranger." Limited tickets will be on sale in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 4th. Price is \$30 (\$12 is a donation to PCM).

**A 6-Week Lenten Study: Creed** Do you know what you believe and why it matters? During the month of Lent, we will study "The Apostle's Creed," an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. Sign up today for classes and book purchase (\$15) at the Faith Formation kiosk in the Fellowship Hall. Classes begin February 14th. Reference The Valley Voice for class choices and times.

**Empty Bowls:** Empty Bowls, will be in its 12th year, here at VPC. Tickets are available in Fellowship Hall today after worship. Cost is \$20.00.

**Mission Quilts** will meet tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring a snack when staying the entire time.

## Thank you to our volunteers!

### Coffee Fellowship

Skip & Geri Berry  
Barbara Dittmer, Marvin Clark

### Information Center

Jim & Shelley Bellotty

### Medical Team

Marvin Clark

### Owl Express

Cara Bissell, Jim Rusk

### Welcome Centers

Royce & Joyce Lambert

### Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

David Roberts

**Grief Support Workshop:** VPC offers the Grief Support Workshop for five consecutive Tuesdays: January 30th, February 6th, 13th, 20th and February 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. There is no charge, but participants need to pre-register with the church office (625-5023).

**Exploring Membership Class** Tuesdays, January 30th, February 6th and 13, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. To register, contact Pastor Diane at 625-5023.

**Ladies Luncheon and Patio Style Show:** We are in need of Spring and Summer clothing for the upcoming style show on Tuesday, February 20th. Please bring donated items to the Patio Sale Closet.

**Blood Pressure Screening:** Today in the Sweet Family Room after the worship service.

**Special Monthly Fellowship Sunday, February 4th:** February 4th is SOUPer Bowl Sunday. Please sign up today after worship if you would like to bring in soup or chili. (and your favorite team items). Please join us for Fellowship next Sunday for a fun celebration!

**Beneath the Upper Room:** The story of Jesus' Last Supper from the viewpoint of the women who served him. We will present this play the Thursday before Easter. You are invited to an information meeting and auditions on Friday, February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom 1. Questions? Contact Pastor Diane at 625-5023.

## THE SOURCE

Wednesday, January 31st - 5:00 p.m.

Join us in the sanctuary for an intimate 30 minutes listening to Joel's piano renditions of music as it relates to Bible passages.



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REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*  
STEVE RODINE, *Church Administrator*  
JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*  
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



A PERSONAL JOURNEY IN MISSIONS!

To know Christ and make him known through word and deed.

✠ All those who are able, please stand.

9:30 a.m.

January 28, 2018

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, we rejoice that Jesus the Way goes ahead of us, who is the pattern of our faith community, the direction of our future. We rejoice that Jesus the Compassionate One goes with us, calling us to acts of caring, showing us how much can be achieved if we work together. Amen.

### WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Christopher

*Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.*

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elder George Curtis

### POURING OF THE WATER

L: *Jesus is the Living Water.*

P: **Praise be to God.**

### PRELUDE

*Praeludium G-dur*

F. Mendelssohn

### INTROIT

*He Is Exalted*

**He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!  
He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;  
heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.**

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Kay Brouwer

L: Here we have come as people of faith  
P: **to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ.**  
L: and Here we have come to follow the Prince of Peace  
P: **and to celebrate a life lived with compassion and forgiveness.**  
L: Here we have come to live in a hurting world  
P: **and to Witness a new way of living that celebrates the power of God's love.**  
L: Here we have come to proclaim the hope of new life,  
P: **and to partner with God in creating a new world of justice and shalom.**

✠HYMN *To God Be the Glory* To God Be the Glory 485

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Too often, Lord God, we are hesitant in our proclamation; seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith. Too often, Lord God, we are half-hearted in our service; reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism. Forgive the poverty of our efforts and open wide our hearts to share Your love with others. (silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO THANKSGIVING *Living for Jesus*

**Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
striving to please him in all that I do,  
yielding allegiance, glad hearted and free,  
this is the pathway of blessing for me.**

ANTHEM *Standing on the Promises* arr. Mark Hayes  
Sanctuary Choir

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
thro' eternal ages let His praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing  
'cause I'm standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:  
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
standing on the promises of God.  
(refrain)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God.  
(refrain)

Standing on the promises I cannot fail,  
list'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God.  
(refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Helen Phillips  
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

YOUTH CHAT (September-May) Mary Horn  
*Following the message, youth in grades 1-6 will go to Classroom 3 for Sunday School.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Janice Potter

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 71:1, 6, 15, 16, 18 (Pew Bible p. 907)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Acts 1:6-8 (Pew Bible p. 1691)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *"A Personal Journey in Missions"* Doug Clark

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠HYMN *Take My Life* (vs. 1-4) Hendon 391

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*\*If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* Eric Thiman  
Ron Bell - soloist

✠DOXOLOGY Old One Hundredth 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Dennis 438

✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry breath I take, let this be my solemn vow,  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

✠POSTLUDE *Postludium G-dur* Stephen Otis

**OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!**

**Worship Aids/Sermon Notes**  
Sermon Title: "A Personal Journey in Missions"

**Psalm 71:1, 6, 15, 16, 18** (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; <sup>6</sup>From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you. <sup>15</sup>My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long—though I know not how to relate them all. <sup>16</sup>I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord; I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone. <sup>18</sup>Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.

**Acts 1:6-8** (NIV)

So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**THE COOKBOOKS ARE COMING, THE COOKBOOKS ARE COMING!**

In celebration of VPC's 40th anniversary, the Women's Ministries compiled a cookbook containing over 470 recipes, a few of which are favorites from earlier cookbooks. Sales will begin on February 4th. The cookbooks will be available at the Women's Ministries table every Sunday and will sell for \$18.00 each or 2 for \$35.00. Only 500 books were ordered so plan to buy soon!

**Book Exchange**

It is time to sort through your books (both print and recorded) and your gently used DVDs. The VPC Library Committee is sponsoring the annual BOOK EXCHANGE on Saturday, February 3rd, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Donated items can be brought to the church library during the week of January 29th. Come on February 3rd and choose free reading/viewing materials from a variety of genres.

**Congregational Annual Meeting**

Friday, February 2nd at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. After the Meeting there will be a Potluck. Please bring a dish to share. See you there.